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MTN GENEVA FOR CULBERT

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, EEWHT, HU  
SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC REQUEST: JANOS NYERGES

REF: STATE 143864

1. ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS BIO MATERIAL ON NYERGES CONTAINED  
IN NOVEMBER 6, 1973 CENTRAL BIOGRAPHIC REPORT. EMBASSY  
BUDAPEST DEFERS TO GENEVA CONCERNING NYERGES' NEGOTIATING  
STYLE, SINCE USDEL GENEVA HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE  
WITH HIM AT MTN.

2. ALTHOUGH NYERGES' TITLE IS CHIEF OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE,  
HE WIELDS CONSIDERABLY MORE INFLUENCE THAN HIS POSITION  
WOULD INDICATE. WHILE OBVIOUSLY DEFERRING TO DEPUTY MINISTERS  
WHEN PROTOCOL REQUIRES, IN HIS OWN FIELD NYERGES REPORTS  
DIRECTLY TO FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER BIRO AND INDEED PROBABLY  
TO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SZEKER. HE IS WIDELY CREDITED  
WITH SINGLE-HANDEDLY BRINGING HUNGARY INTO THE GATT,  
A FEAT MADE MORE DIFFICULT SINCE CONSIDERABLE NEGOTIATING  
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WAS OBVIOUSLY REQUIRED ON THE HOME FRONT.

3. NYERGES IS EXTREMELY WELL INFORMED ON CURRENT AFFAIRS,  
AND HAS WORKED OUT SEVERAL PAT ARGUMENTS TO PROMOTE  
HUNGARIAN FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS (MANY OF THESE WERE  
REPORTED IN BUDAPEST 1502). HE DOES, HOWEVER, THEND TO  
REPEAT THE SAME ARGUMENT TO THE SAME AUDIENCE AT A LATER

DATE -- AS IS THE CASE WITH HIS JOKES. HE HAS A GOOD  
SENSE OF HUMOR.

4. NYERGES IS A GREAT ADMIRER OF MANY FACETS OF MODERN  
WESTERN LIFE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CLAIMING TO BE A  
DEDICATED SOCIALIST. HE ESPECIALLY HOLDS AMERICANS  
IN GREAT RESPECT FOR THEIR ABILITY TO WORK HARD AND  
THEIR INITIATIVE. NYERGES IS DIVORCED AND QUITE FOND  
OF HIS DAUGHTER, WHO IS JUST FINISHING HER UNIVERSITY  
STUDIES. HE IS, BY HUNGARIAN STANDARDS, SOMEWHAT OF A  
WORKAHOLIC. HIS FAVORITE SPORT IS SWIMMING, IN WHICH  
HE INDULGES MOST MORNINGS BEFORE TRAVELING TO THE OFFICE.

5. NYERGES SPEAKS EXCELLENT RUSSIAN (DUE TO TIME SPENT  
AS A RUSSIAN POW IN WORLD WAR II), GERMAN AND ENGLISH.  
HE IS FOND OF GOOD FOOD, OVERWEIGHT BUT DOES NOT SMOKE.

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